



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Xiao Bing Wang, et al.

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For: Detection of Sequence Variation of
Nucleic Acid By Shifted Termination Analysis

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RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS) UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Mail Stop: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 05, 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.